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Office Action Summary

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LEQUEPEYS ET AL.

Examiner

Guillermo Munoz

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,5-17 and 19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,4 and 18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 3, 5-7 and 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Suzuki et al..

Regarding Claim 1

Examiner's Interpretation of Claim 1:

The data, divided into N data blocks, is interpreted to mean dividing a received serial bit stream into two or more sets of words, characters, or digits that are processed as a unit. M-ary orthogonal keying modulation is interpreted as a technique used in spread spectrum communications where one spreading function, orthogonal to any other function used, is phase modulated on a signal.

Prior Art:

Suzuki et al. disclose all the subject matter claimed as follows: Suzuki et al. teach a transmission system having a serial data input (element S40 of figure 16) input into transmitter 55 where it is divided into three streams. (note par. 0175) Suzuki et al. teach an spread-code multipliers (52A-52D of figure 16) for spreading the parallel bit streams followed by summing unit (element 53 of figure 16) for combining the parallel spread

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signals. Furthermore, Suzuki et al. teach the reception side of the communication system having the inverse process of the transmitter in figure 16, note paragraph 0006.

Regarding Claim 3

Suzuki et al. further teach the claimed subject matter in paragraph 0014.

Regarding Claim 5

Suzuki et al. further teach the claimed subject matter in paragraph 0010.

Regarding Claim 6

Suzuki et al. further teach the claimed subject matter in paragraph 0011.

Regarding Claim 7

Suzuki et al. further teach the claimed subject matter in paragraph 0010.

Regarding Claim 16, see claim 5.

Regarding Claim 17, see claim 6.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 8-15 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 8 comprises both product and process limitations. "The claim does not provide competitors with an accurate determination of the Metes and Bounds of protection involved so

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that an evaluation of the possibility of infringement may be ascertained with a reasonable degree of certainty.”(Lyell 17 USPQ2d 1548, Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1990)

Claims 9-11 are dependent on rejected claim 8 and are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claim 12 comprises both product and process limitations. “The claim does not provide competitors with an accurate determination of the Metes and Bounds of protection involved so that an evaluation of the possibility of infringement may be ascertained with a reasonable degree of certainty.”(Lyell 17 USPQ2d 1548, Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1990)

Claims 13-15 are dependent on rejected claim 12 and are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In claim 19 the variable “P” in line 1 is critical or essential to the practice of the invention, but not defined in the claim(s) and is not enabled by the disclosure.

Claim Objections

Claim 7 is objected to because of the following informalities: The phrase “to to Claim 1” appears to be a typographical error. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim 2, 4, 18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Guillermo Munoz whose telephone number is 703-305-4224.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30a.m-4:30p.m..


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on 703-305-4714. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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